



## OREGON ABLE ACCOUNTS:

CELEBRATIONS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND WHAT'S NEXT



# Treasury: We can help you save





Save for retirement through automatic contributions from your paycheck or bank account





Save ahead of time for postsecondary education expenses like tuition, room and board, and supplies





People with disabilities are finally able to save for the future without risking their vital benefits.







### **OVERVIEW**

- Over 5,800 accounts in Oregon
- Over 1,100 ABLE for All Savings Plan accounts across the country
- Accounts in every county except for Gilliam and Sherman
- Most common diagnosis: Developmental,
   Intellectual and then Psychiatric
- 47% of accounts managed by people with disabilities themselves







#### COVID IMPACTS



- 25% were able to save a lot more
- 41% of people spent less because of COVID
- How did ABLE impact you during pandemic?
- 53% had a place to save stimulus/ unemployment insurance
- 48% felt relieved knowing they could spend
   ABLE money if needed to
- 23% said ABLE kept them safe by being able to buy PPE, etc.
- 10% were able to use ABLE to cover bills/emergencies





#### MAJOR CHANGES

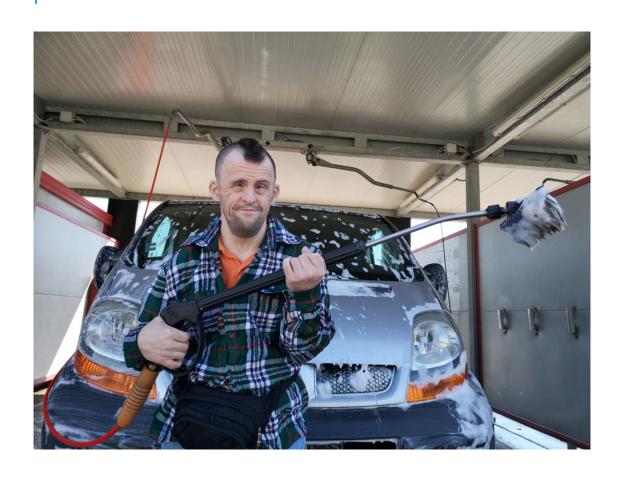
- Annual contribution limit increased to \$16,000 a year
- ALR hierarchy created: Expanded list of who could open an account for another person
- Self-attestation makes it easier to open accounts
- Expanded ABLE Collaboration
  - Alabama ABLE Savings Plan joined
  - Launched Hawai'i ABLE Savings Plan
- Started doing outreach in Spanish







## ENTITY ALR



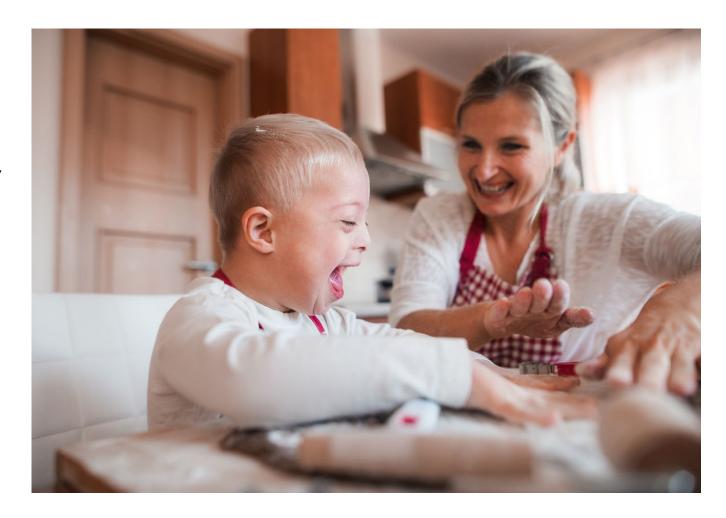
- This allows for organizations to manage
   ABLE accounts for clients
- 30 entity ALRs
- 579 accounts under entity ALR management
- Over \$3M under management by entity ALRs
- Partnership in Community Living using it to teach financial skills
- Median age of beneficiaries is 62





## CHILD WELFARE

- DHS began managing ABLE accounts this year
- Process:
  - Local case worker helps identify who could benefit
  - Child Benefit Unit establishes if child qualifies
  - Office of Financial Services manages accounts
- This modified entity ALR process can be replicated for other government agencies



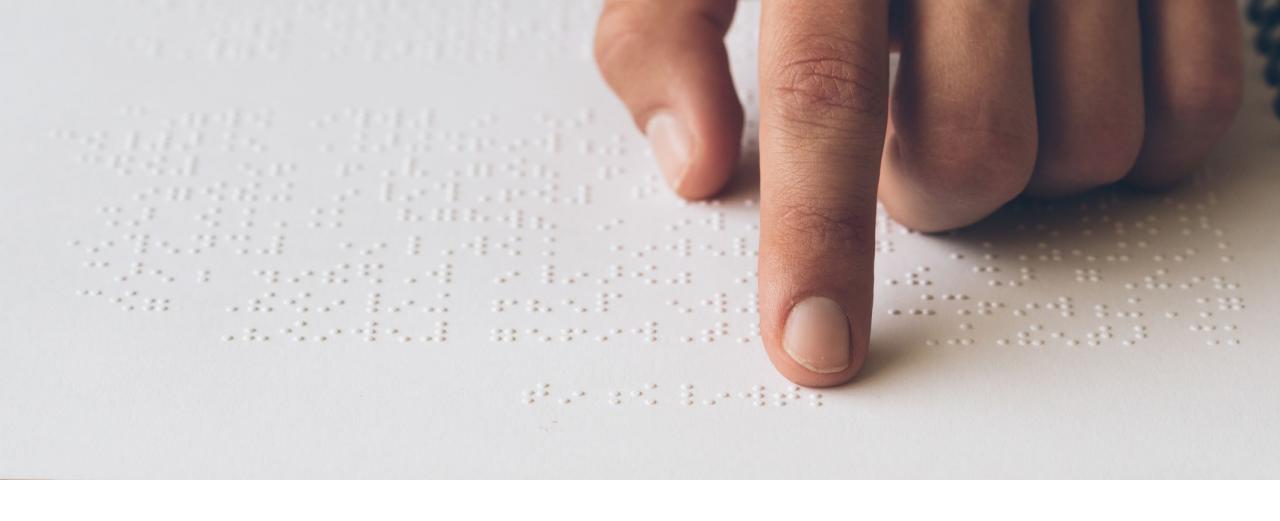




## FINANCIAL LITERACY PILOT



- Partnered with Financial Beginnings and Oregon Transition Technical Network
- Piloted curriculum with Parkrose School District and FACT Oregon webinar series
- Lessons cover goal setting, budgets, Oregon ABLE, wants vs needs, managing money, the banking system
- Students used Oregon ABLE account and ABLE Prepaid Card to practice their financial skills
- Expanding statewide for 2022 school year





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